

REMARKS

At the outset, the Office Action dated June 13, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 13, 18, and 22 are amended, and no claims are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-22 are pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 2 based on minor informalities. Claim 2 has been amended to obviate the objection.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9, 11, 13-18, 20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO2004/025013 (“’013”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, among other features, a rear-side handle provided at the coupling bracket for convenient carrying of the body. The Office Action asserts that ’013’s rear-side handle (212, 222) provided at the coupling bracket (210, 220) can be used for carrying of the body. However, ’013 makes no mention that “second part” 212 and “second part” 222 is suitable for carrying of the body. In fact, ’013 discloses that the second part 222 is inserted in the through hole 213, so as to be rotatable between the first part 211 and the second part 212 of the first bracket 210. See ’013 at page 11, lines 10-11. In other words, the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second bracket 220 is to provide a hinge portion. Thus, ’013 fails to disclose a rear-side handle provided at the coupling bracket for convenient carrying of the body.

Furthermore, claim 1 recites, among other features, a coupling bracket including a first coupling portion coupled to a top plate that forms an upper surface of a machine body, and a second coupling portion integrally extending downward from a lower end of the first coupling portion to be coupled to a rear plate that forms a rear surface of the body. ’013 does not disclose this feature.

As discussed above, in ’013, the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second 220 is to provide a hinge portion. Therefore, the first

bracket 210 of the '013 cannot be integrally formed with the second bracket 220 of the '013. To do so would defeat the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second 220 to provide a hinge portion.

Therefore, claim 1 recites patentable subject matter. Claims 2-9 and 11 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

Claim 13 recites, among other features, a rear-side handle provided on the coupling bracket at a connecting region between the first and second coupling portions for convenient carrying of the body. Claim 13 also recites a second coupling portion integrally extending downward from a lower end of the first coupling portion to be coupled to a rear plate.

As discussed above, '013 makes no mention that "second part" 212 and "second part" 222 is suitable for convenient carrying of the body. In fact, '013 discloses that the second part 222 is inserted in the through hole 213, so as to be rotatable between the first part 211 and the second part 212 of the first bracket 210. In other words, the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second bracket 220 is to provide a hinge portion. Thus, '013 fails to disclose a rear-side handle provided on the coupling bracket at a connecting region between the first and second coupling portions for convenient carrying of the body.

Also, the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second 220 is to provide a hinge portion. Therefore, the first bracket 210 of the '013 cannot be integrally formed with the second bracket 220 of the '013. To do so would defeat the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second 220 to provide a hinge portion.

Accordingly, claim 13 recites patentable subject matter. Claims 14-18 and 20 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency from claim 13.

Claim 22 recites, among other features, a rear-side handle provided at the coupling bracket for convenient carrying of the body. Claim 22 also recites a second coupling portion integrally extending downward from a lower end of the first coupling portion to be coupled to a rear plate.

As discussed above, '013 makes no mention that "second part" 212 and "second part" 222 is suitable for convenient carrying of the body. In fact, '013 discloses that the second part 222 is inserted in the through hole 213, so as to be rotatable between the first part 211 and the second part 212 of the first bracket 210. In other words, the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second bracket 220 is to provide a hinge portion. Thus, '013 fails to disclose a rear-side handle provided at the coupling bracket for convenient carrying of the body.

Also, the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second 220 is to provide a hinge portion. Therefore, the first bracket 210 of the '013 cannot be integrally formed with the second bracket 220 of the '013. To do so would defeat the purpose of the second part 212 of the first bracket 210 and the second part 222 of the second 220 to provide a hinge portion.

Accordingly, claim 22 recites patentable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 10, 12, 19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over '013 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,736,726 to VanHorn et al., ("*VanHorn*"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

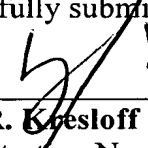
As discussed above, '013 does not disclose or suggest all the features of claims 1 and 13. *VanHorn* does not cure the deficiencies of '013. That is, '013 does not disclose or suggest the possibility of the carrying handle to the brackets 210 and 220. Thus, one skilled in the art would not be motivated to combine the finger contact recesses of *VanHorn* with the brackets 210 and 220 of '013. Claims 10, 12, 19, and 21 are at least allowable by virtue of their dependency from the respective claims 1 and 13.

The application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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